

**BRISTOL WARREN REGIONAL  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2009**

**The monthly meeting of the Bristol Warren Regional School Committee was held on Monday, November 23, 2009, in the cafeteria of Mt. Hope High School, 199 Chestnut Street in Bristol, RI. The Chairperson, Paul Silva, called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 PM.**

**Present: Paul Silva, Chair, Paul E. Brule, Vice-Chair, William M. O'Dell, Treasurer, Marjorie J. McBride, Secretary, Denise R. Arsenault, John C. Bento, Diana B. Campbell, Karen A. Lynch and John P. Saviano; Edward P. Mara, Superintendent; Melinda L. Thies, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Curriculum, Assessment and Instruction; Jane F. Correia, Director of Administration and Finance; Leslie J. Anderson, Director of Pupil Personnel Services; Mary N. Almeida, Director of Literacy and Title I; and Andrew D. Henneous, Esq., District Solicitor**

**Absent: none**

**OPENING BUSINESS**

**All present were invited to join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.**

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

**None**

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

**None**

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION: Mrs. McBride motioned to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Brule seconded. The motion to approve passed unanimously.**

**MOTION: Mrs. McBride motioned to seal the minutes to the October 26 Executive Session; Mr. Brule seconded. Mr. Saviano requested an amendment to these minutes. Mrs. McBride withdrew her request. Mr. Brule seconded. The October 26 minutes will be amended and reconsidered for approval at the December 7 meeting.**

**Dr. Mara acknowledge the retirement of Dr. Karen Annotti, Principal of Rockwell School and formerly Mary V. Quirk and Hugh Cole; also, Mrs. Margot Alfano, who is retiring after doing an outstanding job for a number of years working diligently with our students. Mr. Silva, on behalf of the School Committee, thanked them for their dedicated years of service and wished them well.**

## **BUDGET FACILITIES SUBCOMMITTEE**

**Mr. O'Dell said the next meeting is December 14; any items for the agenda should be referred to him.**

## **POLICY/ COMMUNITY AFFAIRS SUBCOMMITTEE**

**Mrs. Campbell reported they will not meet in December; their next meeting is on Monday, January 4 at 6:30 PM at Oliver; at this meeting the NECAP science scores will be discussed so anyone who may have questions for Mrs. Thies should attend.**

## **PERSONNEL/ CONTRACT NEGOTIATION SUBCOMMITTEE**

**Mr. Saviano said the Committee is not working on any issues at this time.**

## **FUTURE ENROLLMENT AND FACILITIES TASK FORCE**

**Mrs. Lynch reported their next meeting is tomorrow at 6:00 PM in the Oliver Administration Building Conference Room. They are working to wrap things up for a report to the full Committee in February. An interested student from Roger Williams University will be attending the meeting. Mrs. Campbell, as a member of the board of Mosaico, said some old maps of school buildings were found in the basement of Mosaico if the group is interested in looking at them. Dr. Mara will**

**ask Mr. Simmons will retrieve them.**

## **CHAIRPERSON'S INITIATIVES**

**Mr. Silva reminded everyone to forward their School Committee goals to the clerk so they can be discussed at the next workshop.**

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS AND ISSUES**

### **Recommendation # S2009-61 -- PERSONNEL**

**A. EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint the following applicant to the extracurricular position listed below for the 2009-10 school year only (pending certification, funding and sufficient sign-ups to warrant running this program):**

### **HEALTHY HUSKIES WELLNESS CENTER/GYM AREA SUPERVISORS**

**1. After School Gym Area Supervisor (2nd Quarter) \* Meredith Friedman**

**\* Funded by Warren Substance Abuse Task Force**

**B. CERTIFIED SUBSTITUTES:** That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to place on file in the office of the Superintendent the following applications for certified substitutes pending satisfactory completion of pre-employment requirements:

**CERTIFIED**

**Name Area/Level**

- 1. Kendra Anderson General Subject Matter**
- 2. Rebecca D. Bowman General Subject Matter**
- 3. Deborah L. Coury Sp.Ed.**
- 4. Nicole F. Ferreira Registered Nurse**
- 5. Jennifer T. Geary General Subject Matter**
- 6. Jacqueline S. Hanson Registered Nurse**
- 7. David R. Schifino Elementary**

**C. LEAVE OF ABSENCE:** That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant a leave of absence for a Middle School English Teacher as follows:

- 1. Melissa Bernard English Teacher – Kickemuit Middle**

**Effective: March 16, 2010, for 6-8 weeks**

**Reason: Maternity leave in accordance with**

**Article 21, Section L1 of the Master**

**Agreement**

**D. RESIGNATIONS:** That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the resignations of Karen E. Annotti from the position of Elementary Principal and Margot B. Alfano from the position of Diagnostic Prescriptive Teacher as listed below:

**1. Karen E. Annotti Principal - Rockwell**

**Effective: December 28, 2009**

**Reason: Retirement**

**2. Margot B. Alfano Diagnostic Prescriptive Teacher**

**Effective: December 23, 2009**

**Reason: Retirement**

**E. SUSPENSION, NONRENEWAL AND/OR TERMINATION OF CERTIFIED PERSONNEL:** That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to rescind the vote(s) of February 9, 2009 as to the following listed teacher and appoint the listed teacher to the positions indicated:

**Name Anticipated Assignment**

**1. Melanie Lane Social Worker (effective November 30, 2009)**

**Recommendation #S 2009-62: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, and supported by the Budget/Facilities Subcommittee, accept the FY 2009 Audit Report.**

**MOTION: Mr. Brule motioned to accept; Mr. O'Dell seconded. Mr. Silva thanked Mr. O'Dell and his Subcommittee, and Mrs. Correia and her staff for their efforts and long hours put in over the years; we continue to be a model to other districts. The motion to accept passed unanimously.**

**Recommendation #S 2009-63: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the request of two Bristol families to home school their children.**

**MOTION: Mr. Brule motioned to approve; Mrs. McBride seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 9 to 0.**

**Recommendation #S 2009-59: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, and supported by the Policy/Community Affairs Subcommittee, approve the revised Policy JGF Prohibition Against Harassment, Bullying and Dating Violence (Second Reading)**

**MOTION: Mr. O'Dell motioned to approve; Mrs. Campbell seconded. Mrs. Campbell pointed out that the first reading had a discussion about a paragraph that the Committee felt needed to remain in the policy, but they changed the location. Mr. O'Dell thanked the**

**Subcommittee for their consideration. The motion to approve passed unanimously.**

**Recommendation #S 2009-64: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, and supported by the Budget/Facilities Subcommittee, approve the Student Activities Advisors' Stipend Increases as presented.**

**MOTION: Mr. Brule motioned to approve; Mr. O'Dell seconded. Mrs. Arsenault recused herself from this vote because it impacts her husband. The motion to approve passed by a vote of 8 to 0 with Mrs. Arsenault recused.**

**Announcements:**

**Mrs. McBride asked about copies of the new contracts. Mr. Henneous explained that Mr. Leidecker is nearly finished with the inclusion of the new memorandum of agreement into the BWEA contract. Mrs. Correia said she will follow up with Mr. O'Neil in regards to the Council 94 contract.**

**Dr. Mara wished everyone in the Bristol Warren community a very happy Thanksgiving.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION - 7:20 PM**



**MOTION:** In accordance with Open Meeting Laws 42-46-5(a)(1)-(9), 2(b), Mrs. McBride motioned to go into Executive Session at 7:20 PM for legal advice from the attorney; no action will be taken. Mr. Brule seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**RESUMPTION OF MEETING – 7:46 PM**

In Executive Session, the Committee received legal advice from Attorney Henneous. No action was taken during Executive Session.

**ADJOURNMENT – 7:47 PM**

**MOTION:** There being no further business to discuss, Mrs. McBride, seconded by Mr. Brule, motioned to adjourn at 7:47 PM. The motion was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie J. McBride, Secretary

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